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The "Durzhaven Sodov Zavod" (State Soda Factory), which will produce calcined soda, caustic soda, sodium chloride, and calcium carbonate, is being built near the Devnya hot springs, Stalin Okoliya, and west of Lake Devnya. Large quantities of limestone are found near Devnya. The factory will use carbon dioxide, limestone, sodium chloride, and ammonia in its production of various products. It will produce large quantities of salts.

The factory's production of soda products will not only satisfy the needs of Bulgarian industry, but also facilitate the export of 50 percent of these products. The "Stalin" Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant will be among those supplied with soda from the soda factory. Together with tobacco, grapes, and attar of roses, soda will become one of Bulgaria's best export items.

The huge assembly shop, which is the basic shop of the factory, is now under construction. The shop will be 45 meters high and will cover an area of more than 2,500 square meters. The red walls of the building can be spotted from a distance. The red color is the result of the application of "fugirana" masonry. This new method of masonry has been suggested by construction worker Todor Boshnakov. His innovation saved the national economy 1,300,000 leva during 1950.

The waters of the Ludetina, largest of the Devnya springs, will be directed to the factory through a 4.5 kilometer canal. It will turn the turbines of the power plant, which will supply power to the factory and to the new city. A cableway will be constructed between the factory and the Devnya limestone quarries. Sodium chloride, dissolved in water, will flow from the Provadiya salt mines through an 18-kilometer canal Sic to the factory.

More than 100 construction workers are building the factory, which will employ 5,000 workers by the end of 1953.

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